Quick Notes

IP Inpatient Discharges   **ED** Emergency Department   **AS** Ambulatory Surgery

A Unique Opportunity for Emergency Departments & Ambulatory Surgery Facilities

On September 10, 2004, OSHPD notified facilities that the *first* report period (Oct 2004 – Dec 2004) for Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery data collection is voluntary. This delay provides a unique opportunity for facilities to test their software and hardware with MIRCal without any mandatory due dates or penalties. OSHPD analysts will be available during the voluntary period to answer your questions and work with your facility to ensure that you are ready to report. To participate, send an e-mail to mircal@oshpd.ca.gov or call us at (916) 324-6147.

Don't Forget! Full implementation of ED & AS data collection will occur with first quarter 2005 data, beginning January 1st. Formal submission will be due to OSHPD on May 15, 2005.

Freestanding AS Centers – Upcoming Events

MIRCal is new to your facility! Therefore, we have a series of upcoming mailings, forms, and training directed to help you and your staff. Here is a summary of things to expect from OSHPD:

- ✓ **Contact Verification Form** – *November* – A form will be mailed to you to confirm your primary, secondary, and administrator contact information.

- ✓ **MIRCal Registration** – *December* – A MIRCal Registration package will be mailed to your primary contact. Completion of this form is <u>required</u> to obtain secure access to MIRCal.

- ✓ **Computer Based Training** – *December* – Our highly effective Internet based training with ED and AS specific modules will be made available.

- ✓ **OSHPD Analyst Contact** – *February* – Your OSHPD Patient Data Section analyst will be contacting you to ensure that you get logged onto MIRCal, and you have the support needed to submit and correct your data.

Benefits of Voluntary Reporting

Voluntary reporting will provide the earliest hands-on experience with ED and AS data reporting without any penalties or fees involved. Here are the benefits, you can:

- ✓ Work directly with your assigned OSHPD analyst;
- ✓ Obtain full-access to MIRCal;
- ✓ Test your data quality against the OSHPD edits;
- ✓ Ensure your software and technical environment are compatible with MIRCal; and
- ✓ Train and educate staff.

Announcing the ED and AS Reporting Manual

In order to aid ED and AS facilities, a draft of the new *California Emergency Department and Ambulatory Surgery Data Reporting Manual* will be posted in November on our web site under MIRCal Resources. The manual gives information on reporting requirements, approval criteria, and definitions of data elements. It will be useful for your facility to review this manual as you prepare to report to OSHPD.

We welcome any comments that you may have on this new reporting manual. Please send comments to mircal@oshpd.ca.gov.

ED ★ AS ★

Thank You

OSHPD would like to thank CASA for arranging ambulatory surgery center visits for the staff of the Patient Data Section. PDS appreciated the opportunity to discuss the questions and concerns each facility has regarding AS reporting. Each visit was informative and enlightening. PDS would like to extend its gratitude to each of the hosting facilities.

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ED & AS Data Collection Project

Final Regulations	December 2004
CHIA/OSHPD Seminars	
Fresno	November 2, 2004
Los Angeles	November 3, 2004
San Diego	November 4, 2004
Pleasanton	November 8, 2004
Sacramento	November 10, 2004
MIRCal System Rollout	January/February 2005

ED & AS Proposed Due Dates:

Oct 1, 2004 - Dec 31, 2004	Voluntary
Jan 1, 2005 - Mar 31, 2005	Due May 15, 2005
Apr 1, 2005 - June 30, 2005	Due August 14, 2005
July 1, 2005 - Sept 30, 2005	Due November 14, 2005

ED & AS Proposed Extension Days:

A maximum of 14 extension days is proposed for reports in 2005.

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